UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

TIMOTHY PARKER,

Case No.

Plaintiff,

United States DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

Case No.

Magistrate Judge

NICK GRAVES and SGT. CHRIS
SODERLUND,
individually,

Defendants.

### **COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER, by and through his attorneys, GREGORY E. KULIS AND ASSOCIATES LTD., and complaining against the Defendants, NICK GRAVES and SGT. CHRIS SODERLUND individually, states as follows:

#### COUNT I-FALSE ARREST

- 1) This action is brought pursuant to the Laws of the United States Constitution, specifically, 42 U.S.C. §1983 and §1988, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to redress deprivations of the Civil Rights of the Plaintiff and accomplished by acts and/or omissions of the Defendants committed under color of law.
  - 2) Jurisdiction is based on Title 28 U.S.C. §1343 and §1331.
- 3) The Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER, at all relevant times was a United States citizen and permanent resident of the State of Illinois.
  - 4) The Defendant NICK GRAVES at the time of this incident was the Mayor of

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The Village of Harvey, Illinois.

- 5) The Defendant, SGT. CHRIS SODERLAND, was at all relevant times a duly appointed police officer of the Village of Harvey Police Department acting within his scope of employment and under color of law.
- 6) On or about December 21, 2002, the Plaintiff was outside of City Hall in Harvey, Illinois with some campaign workers who were working for an individual running for office.
  - 7) Defendant Mayor Graves and the Plaintiff had words.
- 8) Mayor Graves then instructed SGT. CHRIS SODERLUND to arrest the Plaintiff despite no crime being committed.
- 9) The Plaintiff TIMOTHY PARKER was not committing any crimes or breaking any laws.
- 10) The Defendant SGT. CHRIS SODERLUND did not witness the Plaintiff committing any crime or break any laws.
  - 11) There was no probable cause to arrest the Plaintiff TIMOTHY PARKER.
- 12) Said actions of Defendants, GRAVES and SODERLUND were intentional, willful, and wanton.
- 13) Said actions of the Defendants, constituted a violation of his Fourth Amendment Rights as protected by 42 U.S.C. §1983.
- 14) As a direct and proximate cause of the actions of Defendants' NICK GRAVES and SGT. CHRIS SODERLUND, the Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER suffered fear, anxiety, pain, suffering, embarrassment and emotional distress.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER, prays for judgment of compensatory damages against the Defendants, NICK GRAVES and Sgt. CHRIS SODERLUND jointly and

severally in excess of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$15,000.00) DOLLARS and punitive damages in excess of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS plus attorneys fees and costs.

#### **COUNT\_II -DEPRIVATION OF PROPERTY**

- 1-11) The Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates his allegations of paragraphs
  1-11 of Count I as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1-11 of Count II as though fully set forth herein.
- 12) The Plaintiff TIMOTHY PARKER was held for several hours and then released without being charged.
- 13) The Defendants GRAVES and SODERLAND, however confiscated the Plaintiff's identification, sheriff's badge, credentials and gun.
  - 14) The Defendants refused to return the Plaintiff's Property.
- 15) The property of the Plaintiff was held without providing the Plaintiff due process.
  - 16) The Plaintiff was a law enforcement Officer of the County of Cook.
- 17) The Defendants' failure to return the Plaintiff's property deprived the Plaintiff of his police powers as a law enforcement officer and his property.
- 18) As a result of the actions of the Defendants, the Plaintiff TIMOTHY PARKER suffered embarrassment, anxiety, pain and suffering and loss of property.
- 19) Said actions of the Defendants GRAVES and SODERLUND were intentional willful and wanton.

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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER, prays for judgment of compensatory damages against the Defendants, NICK GRAVES and SGT. CHRIS SODERLUND jointly and severally in excess of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$15,000.00) DOLLARS and punitive damages in excess of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS plus attorneys fees and costs.

#### COUNT III -FAILURE TO ALLOW LEGAL COUNSEL

- 1-11) The Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates his allegations of paragraphs
  1-11 of Count II as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1-11 of Count III as though fully set forth herein.
- 12) After being taken into custody, the Plaintiff immediately requested a telephone to obtain an attorney.
  - 13) The Plaintiff was refused a telephone call and an attorney.
  - 14) Said actions violated his Constitutional Rights.
  - 15) Said actions of the Defendants were intentional wilful and wanton.
- 16) As a direct and proximate cause of the action of the Defendants, GRAVES and SODERLAND the Plaintiff suffered violations of his Constitutional Rights, fear, embarrassment, anxiety, pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, TIMOTHY PARKER, prays for judgment against the Defendants, NICK GRAVES and Sgt. CHRIS SODERLUND jointly and severally for compensatory damages in excess of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS and punitive damages in excess of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS plus attorneys fees and costs. Griveces

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## **JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiff, TIMOTHY PARKER, requests a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted, TIMOTHY PARKER,

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